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		2 Yrs Ago	1 Yr Ago	Current	1 Yr Ago/ 2 Yrs Ago	Current/ 1 Yr Ago	2007	2008	2009	2008/07	2009/08
POPULATION	Jan1/2010	936,280	937,848	940,744 P	0.2	0.3	935,889 (1)	936,585 (1)	938,183 (1)	0.1	0.2
MIGRATION*											
Total Net Migration	Oct-Dec/2009	86	383	367	345.3	(4.2)	1,336 (2)	1,221 (2)	2,754 (2)	(8.6)	125.6
Net Interprovincial	Oct-Dec/2009	(39)	108	360	(376.9)	233.3	(404) (2)	(1365) (2)	39 (2)	237.9	(102.9)
Net International	Oct-Dec/2009	125	275	7	120.0	(97.5)	1,740 (2)	2,586 (2)	2,715 (2)	48.6	5.0
Immigration	Oct-Dec/2009	581	491	484	(15.5)	(1.4)	2,523 (2)	2651.0 (2)	2,388 (2)	5.1	(9.9)
Emigration	Oct-Dec/2009	456	216	477	(52.6)	120.8	783 (2)	65 (2)	(327) (2)	(91.7)	(603.1)
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Oct-Dec/2009	2,191	2,191	2,185	0.0	(0.3)	8,868	8,844	8,825	(0.3)	(0.2)
Deaths	Oct-Dec/2009	2,110	2,160	2,205	2.4	2.1	8,302	8,497	8,683	2.3	2.2
Marriages	Oct-Dec/2009	841	841	843	0.0	0.2	4,463	4,459	4,448	(0.1)	(0.2)
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Apr/2010	491.9	495.1	496.6	0.7	0.3	486.7	491.0	498.8	0.9	1.6
Employed ('000)	Apr/2010	451.4	449.4	453.8	(0.4)	1.0	447.6	453.2	452.8	1.3	(0.1)
Goods Industries ('000)	Apr/2010	93.7	86.2	87.7	(8.0)	1.7	88.2	92.6	86.7	5.0	(6.4)
Service Industries ('000)	Apr/2010	359.1	363.2	366.0	1.1	0.8	359.4	360.6	366.1	0.3	1.5
Unemployment ('000)	Apr/2010	40.5	45.7	42.8	12.8	(6.3)	39.1	37.8	46.0	(3.3)	21.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	Apr/2010	8.2	9.2	8.6	–	–	8.0	7.7	9.2	–	–
Participation Rate (%)	Apr/2010	64.0	64.1	64.1	–	–	63.7	63.9	64.6	–	–
Employment Rate (%)	Apr/2010	58.8	58.2	58.5	–	–	58.6	59.0	58.6	–	–
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Apr/2010	457.8	443.5	447.3	(3.1)	0.9	447.6	453.2	452.8	1.3	(0.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Apr/2010	8.5	10.3	9.5	–	–	8.0	7.7	9.2	–	–

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Feb/2010	47,960	53,020	55,420	10.6	4.5	38,869 [3]	38,964 [3]	45,262 [3]	0.2	16.2
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Feb/2010	70,999	81,525	91,807	14.8	12.6	725,469	736,363	857,820	1.5	16.5
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
Nova Scotia											
All-Items	Mar/2010	114.5	114.5	117.7	0.0	2.8	112.5	115.9	115.7	3.0	(0.2)
Food	Mar/2010	115.8	125.7	127.3	8.5	1.3	114.5	119.2	125.8	4.1	5.5
Shelter	Mar/2010	123.3	123.6	124.5	0.2	0.7	117.2	125.5	124.0	7.1	(1.2)
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)**	2008	29,551	30,901	31,999	4.6	3.6	30,901	31,999	-	3.6	(100.0)
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2009	15,149,913	15,846,623	16,113,507	4.6	1.7	15,149,913	15,846,623	16,113,507	4.6	1.7
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Feb/2010	704.4	729.5	756.2	3.6	3.7	695.8	713.9	730.4	2.6	2.3
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE*											
All Retail Outlets s.a. ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	2,020.3	1,930.7	2,091.7	(4.4)	8.3	11,616.2	12,089.0	12,102.2	4.1	0.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	182.9	129.0	176.9	(29.5)	37.1	1,372.1	1,403.0	1,393.8	2.3	(0.7)
Wholesale Trade s.a. ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	1,134.7	1,130.8	1,229.8	(0.3)	8.8	6,760.2	7,049.5	6,852.4	4.3	(2.8)

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** Personal Income per Capita estimated by dividing Personal Income by July 1st population

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		2 Yrs Ago	1 Yr Ago	Current	1 Yr Ago/ 2 Yrs Ago	Current/ 1 Yr Ago	2007	2008	2009	2008/07	2009/08
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jul-Sep/2009	114.5	114.0	115.4	(0.4)	1.2	456.8	474.6	-	3.9	(100.0)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	2008	656.7	599.2	611.4	(8.8)	2.0	599.2	661.4	-	10.4	--
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Feb/2010	162.8	92.0	121.9	(43.5)	32.5	1,224.8	816.9	539.8	(33.3)	(33.9)
Mineral Production* ($ millions)	2009	327.7	357.3	380.1 p	9.0	6.4	327.7	357.3	380.1 p	9.0	6.4
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Feb/2010	2,283.2	2,272.9	2,287.9	(0.5)	0.7	12,513.9	12,164.4	11,608.9	(2.8)	(4.6)
Manufacturing Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	1,612.2	1,360.4	1,377.1	(15.6)	1.2	9,838.2	10,638.0	9,015.9	8.1	(15.2)
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	--	760	610	--	(19.7)	5,451.3	5,744	4,336	5.4	(24.5)
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	--	973	1,058	--	8.6	7,456.8	8,416	6,657	12.9	(20.9)
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures ($ millions)	2010	4,012.2	4,571.7 ps	4,617.2 i	13.9	1.0	3,865.3	4,012.2	4,571.7 ps	3.8	13.9
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Mar/2010	181.7	178.0	260.0	(2.0)	46.0	1,288.9	1,326.7	1,368.7	2.9	3.2
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Mar/2010	371	121	161	(67.4)	33.1	3,320	3,326	2,786	0.2	(16.2)
Completions (units)	Mar/2010	258	130	152	(49.6)	16.9	2,980	3,805	3,156	27.7	(17.1)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Mar/2010	698	446	691	(36.1)	54.9	4,750	3,982	3,438	(16.2)	(13.7)
Under Construction (units)	Jan-Mar/2010	3,104	2,497	2,446	(19.6)	(2.0)	14,085	13,191	10,395	(6.3)	(21.2)
Completions (units)	Jan-Mar/2010	1,133	868	816	(23.4)	(6.0)	4,454	4,629	3,796	3.9	(18.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained 2002 $ millions)	2008	28,254	28,598	29,215	1.2	2.2	28,254	28,598	29,215	1.2	2.2

* Excludes oil and gas.

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POPULATION	Jan1/2010	33,113,330	33,527,199	33,930,830	1.2	1.2	32,931,956 (1)	33,327,337 (1)	33,739,859 (1)	1.2	1.2
MIGRATION*											
Total Net Migration	Oct-Dec/2009	27,573	34,509	27,863	25.2	(19.3)	242,099 (2)	280,235 (2)	269,081 (2)	15.8	(4.0)
Immigration	Oct-Dec/2009	55,573	53,544	56,370	(3.7)	5.3	236,754 (2)	247,247 (2)	252,173 (2)	4.4	2.0
Emigration	Oct-Dec/2009	28,000	19,035	28,507	(32.0)	49.8	(5,345) (2)	(32,988) (2)	(16,908) (2)	517.2	(48.7)
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Oct-Dec/2009	90,681	92,348	93,731	1.8	1.5	367,864	374,595	380,535	1.8	1.6
Deaths	Oct-Dec/2009	60,683	62,285	64,121	2.6	2.9	235,941	240,961	245,985	2.1	2.1
Marriages	Oct-Dec/2009	26,689	26,969	28,161	1.0	4.4	148,296	148,831	151,940	0.4	2.1
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Apr/2010	18,246.2	18,342.2	18,570.3	0.5	1.2	17,946	18,245	18368.7	1.7	0.7
Employed ('000)	Apr/2010	17,140.2	16,848.1	17,071.9	(1.7)	1.3	16,866	17,126	16848.9	1.5	(1.6)
Goods Industries ('000)	Apr/2010	4,006.5	3,768.3	3,753.2	(5.9)	(0.4)	3,993	4,021	3736.4	0.7	(7.1)
Service Industries ('000)	Apr/2010	13,113.9	13,079.8	13,318.7	(0.3)	1.8	12,874	13,105	13112.5	1.8	0.1
Unemployment ('000)	Apr/2010	1,106.0	1,494.2	1,498.3	35.1	0.3	1,079	1,119	1519.8	3.7	35.8
Unemloyment Rate (%)	Apr/2010	6.1	8.1	8.1	–	–	6.0	6.1	8.3	–	–
Participation Rate (%)	Apr/2010	67.9	67.4	67.2	–	–	67.6	67.8	67.3	–	–
Employment Rate (%)	Apr/2010	63.8	61.9	61.8	–	–	63.5	63.6	61.7	–	–
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Apr/2010	17,289.8	16,645.1	16,884.4	(3.7)	1.4	16,866	17,126	16848.9	1.5	(1.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Apr/2010	6.2	8.5	8.4	–	–	6.0	6.1	8.3	–	–

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Feb/2010	879,950	1,111,990	1,201,380	26.4	8.0	733,770 [3]	750,343 [3]	1,056,316 [3]	2.3	40.8
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Feb/2010	1,336,488	1,736,642	2,260,986	29.9	30.2	14,561,875	15,033,300	21,272,044	3.2	41.5
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
Canada											
All-Items	Mar/2010	112.6	114.0	115.6	1.2	1.4	111.5	114.1	114.4	2.3	0.3
Food	Mar/2010	112.6	121.5	123.1	7.9	1.3	111.8	115.7	121.4	3.5	4.9
Shelter	Mar/2010	120.1	122.6	121.7	2.1	(0.7)	116.9	122.0	111.5	4.4	(8.6)
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	Jun-05	35,550	36,804	36,527	3.5	(0.8)	35,550	36,804	36,527	3.5	(0.8)
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-00 Jan-Dec/2009	687,244,881	721,957,300	721,730,823	5.1	(0.0)	687,244,881	721,957,300	721,730,823	5.1	(0.0)
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Feb/2010	805.41	820.53	843.91	1.9	2.8	787.9	810.5	823.4	2.9	1.6
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE*											
All Retail Outlets s.a. ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	71,693.5	67,489.7	71,851.3	(5.9)	6.5	412,565.3	427,895.9	415,413.4	3.7	(2.9)
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	6,946.6	5,029.8	6,146.3	(27.6)	22.2	53,676.9	51,565.5	46,937.6	(3.9)	(9.0)
Wholesale Trade s.a. ($millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	85,766.0	80,923.8	88,210.7	(5.6)	9.0	518,081.6	533,275.1	494,838.1	2.9	(7.2)

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jul-Sep/2009	10,062.3	11,445.9	10,099.1	13.8	(11.8)	40,745.5	45,973.3	-	12.8	(100.0)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	2008	1,856.2	1,887.6	1,847.0	1.7	(2.2)	1,887.6	1,847.0	-	(2.2)	--
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Feb/2010	10,273.1	7,117.1	8,093.9	(30.7)	13.7	72,042.6	57,250.1	45,248.5	(20.5)	(21.0)
Mineral Production* ($ millions)	2009	40,570.9 r	46,952.4	32,151.5 p	15.7	(31.5)	40,570.9 r	46,952.4	32,151.5 p	15.7	(31.5)
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Feb/2010	115,041.9	110,335.7	110,560.4	(4.1)	0.2	603,572.4	601,719.3	575,051.2	(0.3)	(4.4)
Manufacturing Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	92,747.0	75,172.1	80,804.8	(18.9)	7.5	602,413.8	598,217.1	494,115.9	(0.7)	(17.4)
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	--	59,387	60,499	--	1.9	450,413	483,579	359,700	7.4	(25.6)
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Feb/2010	--	58,819	57,954	--	(1.5)	407,272	433,976	365,151	6.6	(15.9)
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures ($ millions)	2010	235,282.2	211,605.0 pa	222,386.4 r	(10.1)	5.1	214,226.8	235,282.2	211,605.0 pa	9.8	(10.1)
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Mar/2010	14,583.5	10,379.8	14,180.5	(28.8)	36.6	74,379.7	70,437.4	61,049.4	(5.3)	(13.3)
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Mar/2010	15,616	8,605	11,375	(44.9)	32.2	193,742	187,370	130,363	(3.3)	(30.4)
Completions (units)	Mar/2010	12,687	10,925	9,839	(13.9)	(9.9)	176,379	191,641	157,948	8.7	(17.6)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Mar/2010	43,610	23,772	35,014	(45.5)	47.3	228,343	211,056	149,081	(7.6)	(29.4)
Under Construction (units)	Jan-Mar/2010	190,377	169,786	152,469	(10.8)	(10.2)	755,820	774,273	638,138	2.4	(17.6)
Completions (units)	Jan-Mar/2010	44,261	39,378	37,611	(11.0)	(4.5)	208,889	214,137	176,441	2.5	(17.6)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained 2002 $ millions)	2009	1,325,490	1,312,880	1,296,955	2.8	(1.0)	1,315,907	1,321,360	1,286,431	2.5	(2.6)

* Excludes oil and gas.

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Notes:

(1) Statistics Canada estimate July 1
(2) Statistics Canada estimate July 1 - June 30
(3) Annual average
a Actual
sa Seasonally adjusted
p Preliminary
pa Preliminary actual
r Revised
i Intention
ri Revised intention
– not available

Data Sources:
Population, Vital Statistics, Migration - Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Section, Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Catalogue No. 91-002
Labour Force - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey, monthly Catalogue No. 71-001-XIE; Labour Force Historical Review, Catalogue No. 71F0004XCB
Employment Insurance - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Employment Insurance Statistics, monthly
Consumer Price Index - Statistics Canada, Prices Division, The Consumer Price Index, Catalogue 62-001
Income (Personal Income per Capita, Total Wages & Salaries, Average Weekly Wages) - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB; Estimates of Labour Income, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13F0016; Employment, Earnings & Hours, monthly, Catalogue No. 72-002
Retail/Wholesale - Statistics Canada, Retail Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-005; New Motor Vehicle Sales, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-007; Wholesale Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-008
Commodity Sector - Statistics Canada, Farm Cash Receipts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 21-001; Sawmills & Planing Mills, monthly, Catalogue No. 35-003; Canada's Mineral Production, annual, Catalogue No. 26-202; Natural Gas Transportation and Distribution, monthly, Catalogue No. 55-002; Electric Power Statistics, monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Fisheries & Oceans Canada statistics, annual monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments, CANSIM Tables 304-0014 and 304-0015; Canadian International Merchandise Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 65-001
Construction - Statistics Canada, Private and Public Investment in Canada, annual, Catalogue Nos. 61-205; Building Permits, monthly, Catalogue No.64-001; Canada Mortgage and Housing statistics, monthly/quarterly
Gross Domestic Product - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB